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5 Applicant: Chun-Chih Yang

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10  Title:      METHOD TO PRESERVE COMMENTS OF CIRCUIT SIMULATION
                TEXT FILE
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To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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15 Subject: Information disclosure statement under
 37C.F.R.§1.56.

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This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the examiner initials the cited reference on the form and that it be made of record in the application and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to the applicant with the next communication from the examiner.

30 Since the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first
Office action on the merits, consideration of the information
disclosure statement is hereby requested according to

37C.F.R. §1.97(b). The prior art patent contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in communications from the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on October 11, 2001. The applicant sincerely hopes that the examiner can
5 consider the item contained in the information disclosure statement.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and M.P.E.P. 609 (Rev.1, Feb. 2000), the applicant is submitting
10 a copy of the cited reference (Taiwan Patent No. 405326, "COMMUNICATIONS METHOD AND RELATED APPARATUS FOR CHARACTER TRANSLATION") and a concise explanation of the relevance in this application hereinafter.

15 TP No.341418 discloses a character-converting communications method, which translates Chinese characters in a message received by a communications device into English words. In the process, the method determines whether the message contains any Chinese characters or not. If not, the method
20 transmits the message directly to a communications interface of the communications device. On the contrary, if so, the method translates the Chinese characters into English based on a translation rule and transmits the English words to the communications interface. The English words correspond, of
25 course, to the Chinese characters.

Claim 1 of the present application is repeated below for reference:

30 "1. A computer algorithm for converting a text file into a circuit layout and vice versa so that a user can update the text file and the corresponding circuit layout;

the computer algorithm comprising:
compiling a hardware description written in the text file
into the corresponding circuit layout;
converting comment text written in the text file into a
5 code stream according to a predetermined conversion
rule;
updating the circuit layout and compiling the updated
circuit layout into the corresponding hardware
description; and
10 converting the code stream into the comment text, and
inserting the comment text into the hardware description
corresponding to the updated circuit layout so as to
generate an updated text file."

15 Claim 1 of the present application shows a computer algorithm
to convert a text file containing a hardware description and
a comment text into an updated text file. In the process, the
algorithm compiles the hardware description written in the
text file into a circuit layout and the comment text into a
20 code stream, updates the circuit layout into an updated circuit
layout, compiles the code stream back to the original comment
text and updates the updated circuit layout into an updated
hardware description, and inserts the comment text into the
updated hardware description to generate the updated text file.

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It is clear that TP No.341418 is applied to character
recognition and translation field to translate Chinese
characters into English words. However, claim 1 of the present
application is instead applied to a computer algorithm for
30 converting a text file into a circuit layout and vice versa.
Therefore, TP No.341418 and the present application are in
different fields of art.

In addition, TP No.341418 does not disclose "converting comment text written in the text file into a code stream according to a predetermined conversion rule", and "converting the code stream into the comment text, and inserting the comment text into the hardware description corresponding to the updated circuit layout so as to generate an updated text file" after the text file has been converted into the circuit layout and the circuit layout into the updated circuit layout.

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While TP No.341418 and the present application pertain to different art, TP No.341418 does not disclose, even if the Chinese characters in TP No.341418 are read as the hardware description in claim 1 of the present application and the English words are read as the circuit layout, (a) the comment text and the code string, which are converted from the comment text, (b) that the English words (circuit layout) can be updated and the updated English words (circuit layout) can be converted into the updated Chinese characters (hardware description), and (C) that the code string can be converted into the comment text and inserted into the updated Chinese characters (hardware description).

On the other hand, TP No.341418 still does not disclose, even if the Chinese characters in TP No.341418 are read as the comment text in claim 1 of the present application and the English words are read as the code string, (a) the hardware description and the circuit layout, which are converted from the hardware description, (b) that the circuit layout can be updated and the updated circuit layout can be converted into the updated hardware description, and (C) that the code string can be converted into the Chinese characters (comment text)

and inserted into the updated hardware description.

It is therefore believed that claim 1 of the present application is substantially different from the prior art patent No.341418. And since all other claims are dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be substantially different from the prior art patent No.341418 as well.

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